

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

ERIC RICHARD TOWNSEL,

Petitioner,

v.

DONALD HOLBROOK,

Respondent.

CASE NO. C16-5305 RBL-KLS

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

This is a federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has submitted an application seeking leave to proceed with this action *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner's application demonstrates that he is unable to afford the \$5.00 filing fee. Petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 8) is therefore **GRANTED**. The Clerk is directed to file Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus without the prepayment of fees. The Clerk is further directed to send a copy of this Order to Petitioner.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2016.



Karen L. Strombom
United States Magistrate Judge